

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY,

INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARIES.

FONTHILL, DECEMBER 9th, 1878.

Quarterly dues should be paid for all who are members at close of quarter for which report is made. Secretaries of Division Granges will please give name and number of Subordinate Granges which have not reported, as well as those that have, and mark "no report." Also make out report in full, especially the blank totals at foot of report. Subordinate Granges are not required to report for fractional quarters, but to date their reports from beginning of first full quarter after organization, which reports should contain membership dues from date of organization (Charter members excepted), and dues from beginning of first full quarter. (This refers to new Granges.) SECTION 97, "Parliamentary Guide," amended to read: "When a Division Grange is organized during a quarter, all Subordinate Granges in the jurisdiction of said Division, organized previous to the commencement of that quarter, shall report and pay to Division all quarterly and membership dues required."

BUSINESS REPORT:

Divis. No. 2	Reports	purchases through Subordinate Granges.....\$	867 55	Sales, Dairy Produce.....\$	171 00
" " 8	"	E. Morris & Co., Fruit Trees.....	46 50		
" " 8	"	J. Lumbers, Groceries.....	62 25		
" " 10	"	"	573 33	Sales.....	360 00
" " 11	"	"	1069 53		
" " 14	"	"	1062 02	Sales.....	400 00
" " 16	"	"	1114 46		
" " 17	"	"	1116 62		
" " 18	"	"	571 04		
" " 20	"	"	676 03		
" " 21	"	"	762 03	Sales.....	500 00
" " 23	"	"	3714 95	"	3183 02
" " 27	"	"	1339 09		
" " 28	"	"	1177 24		
" " 32	"	through 4 Subordinate Granges.....	800 00		
" " 34	"	"	208 81		
" " 36	"	through 5 Subordinate Granges.....	2065 91		
" " 40	"	"	1306 13		
" " 41	"	"	146 25	Sales.....	28100 00
" " 43	"	"	1083 18	"	350 00
" " 44	"	"	3008 00		
" " 45	"	"	1423 34	Sales.....	300 00
" " 46	"	"	701 46		
" " 47	"	"	69 68		
Total purchases reported.....\$			24962 51	Sales.....\$	33964 02

The principal part of business reported has been done with Bro. W. N. Harris, Napanee, General Purchasing Agent of Dominion Grange, for general merchandise, farm implements, &c.; with James Lumbers, and N. Weatherston & Co., Toronto, for groceries; G. H. Pedlar, Oshawa, for tinware; John Dow, Granocque, farm implements; J. Dilworth, Toronto, Drugs, &c., and Wm. Rennie, Toronto, seeds; fruit trees, E. Morris & Co., Fonthill nurseries; sales of grain have been made principally through Messrs. Chapman & Co., and N. Weatherston & Co., Toronto.

Division Secretary No. 4, says—The Granges in our Division are in a very poor state; I can get no returns from the majority of them; a good many have had no meetings since before harvest.

Division Secretary 8, reports Burford Grange, No. 138, dead; Charter, books, &c., returned to Division. No. 31 has sent no report for a year; nearly dead.

Division Secretary 11, says business reports from his Grange do not cover one-quarter the business done, but was all that was reported.

Division Secretary 15 says there must be some plan adopted to compel Subordinate Granges to send in their reports in time or we will all get into disorder.

Division Secretary 23 says—The goods purchased I know to be largely in excess of the amount reported: still there is a great falling off in purchases through the Grange as compared with those of the last year or two. The difficulty in many cases in this part of Ontario is the impossibility of obtaining money for dairy and other produce, other than grain, and this has compelled our members to get their requirements from the local dealers instead of through the Grange. Our Division Grange is beginning to see the necessity of establishing some depot or store, by which the produce of our members might be received and shipped to market without handling, except by the employee of the Grange, and receive in return our family and farm necessaries for distribution. We are beginning also to perceive (although we have been slow in learning), the necessity of more fully combining our purchases so as to realize still more fully the benefits of Co-operation. This appears to be necessary if co-operation in obtaining our supplies and in disposing of our products is to continue to be a feature of our Order.

Division Secretary 25: I have been waiting for Subordinate Granges to send in their reports, but many are deficient yet.

Division Secretary 31: No trade done through this Division. The different Granges all report no advance since last Quarter. Douglas, No. 220 has established a Grange store; raised funds by stock, and purchased from wholesale houses, charging a small percentage to cover costs.

Division Secretary 33: I should have sent this report sooner, but waited for the Subordinate Granges to send in their reports.

Division Secretary 34: Small increase of membership during Quarter, all Granges in excellent working order; Granges 472 and 380 have built commodious halls, and intend doing considerable business during the winter. Subordinate Grange Secretaries have not sent full business report.

Division Secretary 39, reports Subordinate Grange 221 as having surrendered Charter.

Division Secretary 40 says Subordinate Secretaries do not report business transactions as they ought; I am behind in my reports waiting on Subordinate Grange Secretaries.

Division Secretary 42: I have waited for reports from Subordinate Granges, and regret to have to forward this report incomplete.

Division Secretary 43: Those Granges sending reports of business transactions seem to be doing well in buying but it would be well if our members would sell more through the Grange in bulk.

Division Secretary 44: Reports very late, owing to tardiness of Secretaries of Subordinate Granges. Could not some plan be devised to urge Secretaries to be more punctual with their reports?

It will be seen from this report that there are a large number of Granges not reported for September Quarter; the general complaint from Division Secretaries is that Subordinate Grange Secretaries are dilatory in their work. If our brothers entrusted with this duty could see the importance of promptness in this as well as all other respects, the Grange could be much more efficiently and pleasantly carried on.

W. FEMBERTON PAGE, Secretary Dom. Grange.